Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 South 21st St. Sparks NV 89431 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING of the NEVADA ORGANIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Nevada Organic Advisory Council will conduct a public meeting on **Friday, April 5, 2013 at 1:00 PM** in the conference room of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21st St. Sparks NV 89431. More information can be obtained and public comment may be submitted by calling (775) 353-3773.

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the chairperson.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
- 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Please state your name for the record. This item reserved for subject matter not on the agenda. Topics introduced in this portion of the meeting will not be acted upon but may be included as an agenda item for follow-up action at a future Organic Advisory Council (OAC) meeting. Please keep comments to a maximum of 5 minutes.

- 7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A) Correspondence and Announcements (Informational)
 - B) NDA organic program update (Informational)
- 8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - **A)** Discussion and action regarding council input on a new NDA organic program policy relevant to organic export equivalence arrangements. **(Action)**
 - **B)** Discussion and action regarding recruitment advertising strategy for a new seasonal position in the organic and seed programs at NDA. (Action)
 - C) Discussion and action regarding the "Sound and Sensible" organic certification model presently being considered by USDA, organic certification agencies and certified operations. (Action)
 - **D)** Discussion and action regarding recruitment of new council members to fill vacant producer/handler and consumer positions on the Nevada Organic Advisory Council. (Action)
- 9. ADJOURN

NOTE: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please call Dawn Rafferty at the Nevada Department of Agriculture, 775-353-3669, as soon as possible.

This Notice of Public Meeting was posted at the following locations on March 29, 2013:

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